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# A Portuguese Wine Country Property Expands with a New Collection of Residential Retreats

Octant Douro's new House Collection brings 20 design-led accommodations to the terraced hillsides of Castelo de Paiva, rooted in regional materials and a deep reverence for the Douro Valley landscape.

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Octant Douro Valley.

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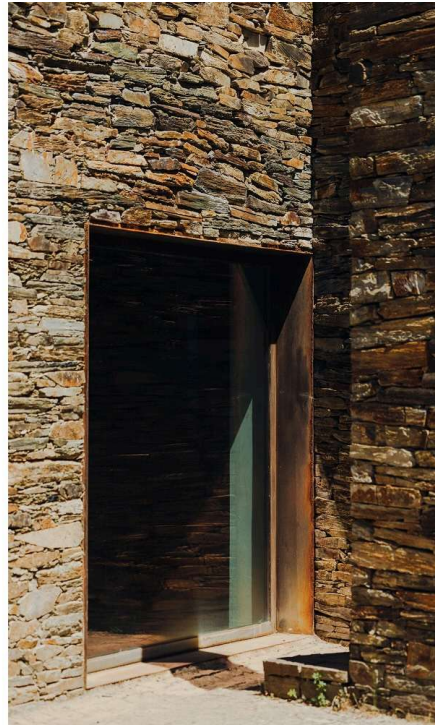
## **OCTANT DOURO VALLEY**

**Designer:** [Cristina Jorge de Carvalho](#)

**Location:** Castelo de Paiva, Portugal

**On offer:** Built directly into the steep, terraced cliffs of the Douro Valley, Octant Douro makes no attempt to separate itself from the landscape. This year, the property expands its footprint with the debut of the House Collection, a series of 20 independent, design-led retreats that scale the hillside like a modern village. The project arrives alongside a complete reimagining of the hotel's public spaces by Lisbon-based designer Cristina Jorge de Carvalho, who replaced standard hospitality finishes with a quiet sanctuary aesthetic.

The new chapter includes 16 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom split-level residences, bringing the total to 79 keys. These aren't typical guest rooms; they are residential-style dwellings where the boundary between interior and landscape is intentionally thin—floor-to-ceiling glass is a constant throughout, in the rooms, common spaces, and restaurants, orienting every vantage point toward the river and vine-covered hillsides.



Schist and glass exterior details.



Passageways.





Sitting areas



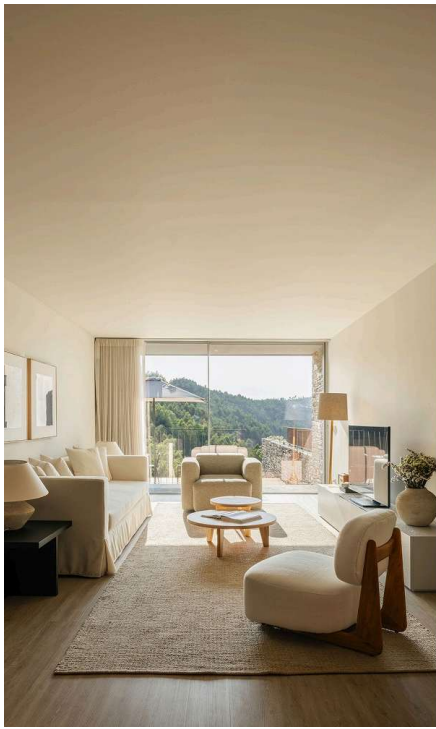
**Standout features:** The House Collection is built around the luxury of autonomy. Each unit is oriented toward the river, with full-height windows that frame the vineyards like living canvases. To navigate the property's vertical layout, a modern inclined elevator (or funicular) connects the hilltop suites with the riverfront below. Jorge de Carvalho softened the original architecture by introducing a palette of local schist—the dark, flaky, metamorphic stone that forms the region's famous wine terraces—alongside corten steel and warm wood tones. The materials were curated specifically to catch and ground the valley's famously shifting light.

Life within the houses extends into private gardens and interior patios, offering experiences such as Tibetan bowl meditations or chef-led dinners served in residence. The design also utilizes natural ventilation systems to minimize the need for AC, grounding the project in environmental stewardship.

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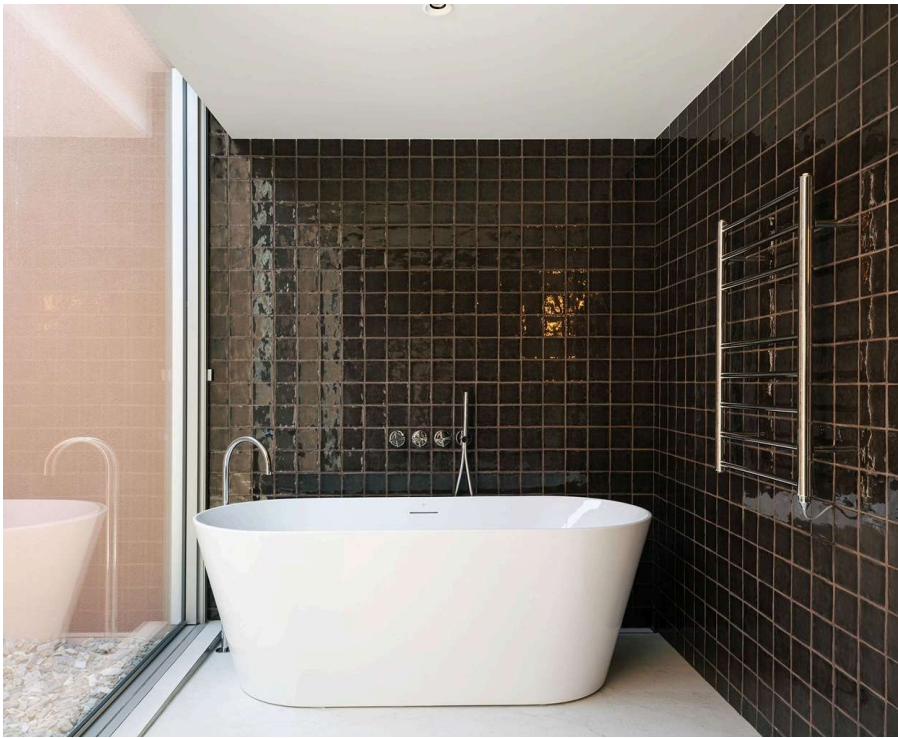
House Collection Exterior.



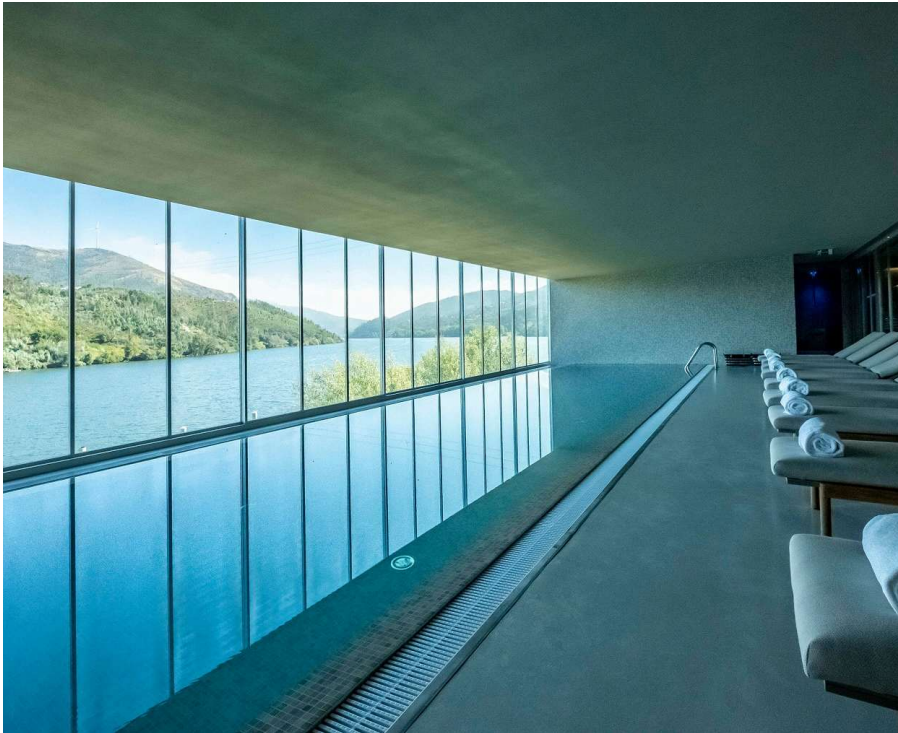
House Collection Living Room.



House Collection Bedroom.



House Collection Bathroom.



Spa Pool.

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